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out two or three of the parts, and you're welcome to come back and read the letter--anybody--but I thought two or three things that would be of interest to you. It says the protection should be at least equivalent to that provided by the Life Safety Code. This is if you would like to adopt another code in the State of Nebraska. If you want to adopt another code with relationship to any building that's inspected or paid for by Medicaid or Medicare or that has patients in there getting these benefits, it will be at least as restrictive as the one you're getting rid of in 180. It also says, and you are getting rid of it, if Nebraska State law did not require facility to meet the provisions for the Life Safety Code, federal law and regulations as outlined above would still apply. Now here's what happened. If you want to get rid of 101, that's fine. Get rid of it but you have to have under 81-502 which is part of the bill stated specifically the buildings that the Fire Marshall's office can inspect or promulgate rules and regulations for. The ones mentioned above that I told you about a minute ago are specifically not mentioned and need to be mentioned. Now the second part of the amendment. It's all one part actually but it refers to one another. Under 180 if they get rid of the Life Safety Code you can inspect only for under 81-502, the Fire Marshall Code, exits, heating and electricity. There will be nothing there with regard to detection systems and Senator Nore I don't have a conflict of interests there any more because I don't work with Notifier. Sprinkler systems, fire retard materials, floor separation, room separation and emergency lighting, extinguishers, high hazard protection and so forth. These things will not be inspected for. Now what I did today was to offer to you with the hopes that you would adopt it an amendment that would give the Fire Marshall's office the right to promulgate rules and regulations for jails, nursing homes, home for the aged and infirmed and also to allow them to inspect for protection equipment devices, materials, furnishings and other safeguards within the structure. They would not have 101 but I think under this type of an amendment I think that you would find that it would be a lot more easy to live with and therefore I would hope and I would certainly try to answer some questions if there are any questions, to the best of my ability.

SPEAKER: Senator Richard Lewis.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this is my amendment to 180 that he is amending and I have had quite a discussion two or three times with Senator Barnett and I recognize that he is an authority on the Fire Marshall's office but I'm not yet willing to accept all of his proposed changes. The County Officials Association is conducting a study along this very same line and rather than adopt this amendment I would hope that we would just bring the bill back and hold it then until we have finished some research that we're doing on this and find out exactly where the problem areas are if they exist. Even better, it might be advisable to even hold the thing on, bracket it there on Final Reading until we have resolved our little differences of opinion here.

SPEAKER: Senator Barnett, what's your response to that?

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. Chairman, I think Senator Lewis and Senator Duis both know I think we're trying to get to the same means, to the same ends and I'd be tickled to death to do it. If they want to take a chance and pass it today that they can do it, all well and good. If they would rather have this amendment and take the time to look at it, I'm not against that either.

SPEAKER: Senator Duis.